

BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)

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Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

Those present were:

Dave Engelhardt, BCATS staff; Dirk Westbury, BCATS staff; Adam Rivard, MDOT; Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission; John Gaydos, City of Bay City; Terry Moulane, City of Bay City; Dave Geiger, MDOT; Don Mayle, MDOT Lansing; Mike Stoner, Bay Metro.

It was moved by Moulane, seconded by Gaydos, to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2006 meeting. Motion Passed.

Travel Demand Model:

Don Mayle of MDOT provided maps showing the deficiencies indicated on the Travel Demand Model. The handouts included the 2005 deficiencies as well as the 2035 horizon year which lists of all BCATS projects. There was a review and clarification of the information provided. Discussion ensued.

TIP Projects Submitted for New 2008-11 TIP:

Engelhardt provided members a working draft of the 2008-11 BCATS TIP. It was discussed that for the High Priority Project (HPP) of North Henry St to be completed, other funds would be needed. The committee concluded that this project should be the top priority in the TIP and provide the needed funds for the projects from the BCATS allocated STP funds. Other Bay City projects discussed included Trumbull between Woodside and M-25, Johnson St between Center and 11th St, and Lincoln between Kosciuszko Ave and Fremont. Gaydos stating that after the North Henry St. Project, Bay City would not likely have a project until 2012 due the budget constraints. Essexville projects discussed include two resurfacing jobs: Borton between Caroline and Scheurmann and Woodside between Scheurmann and Pine. The road commission had one project discussed, Midland Rd reconstruction and expansion between 2 Mile Rd and 3 Mile Rd. Lillo also brought forth three crush & shape projects planned in the next 5 years for the road commission that would be eligible for STP funds. These projects would be "On the Shelf" projects that would be funded if other projects fall through or projects are overestimated. MDOT has two projects in the BCATS area, both listed with the 2008 projects, I-75 and M-25. Rivard informed the committee that the M-25 (Center Ave) Project has a 95% chance of being delayed until 2009. Discussion ensued.

A Motion was made by Gaydos and seconded by Lillo for Engelhardt to compete the draft 2008-11 TIP to bring to the Policy committee before public review with the condition that the North Henry St Project will be funded first, after projects already programmed in the 2006-07-08 TIP, and any remaining funds be allocated to the Midland Rd Project and Borton St project.

2035 Long Range Plan (Chapter 5):

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Engelhardt provided members with a copy of the 2035 Long Range Plan for review and discussion on Chapter 5 - Deficiencies. Engelhardt reminded everyone how important reviewing this list was in order to ensure all projects are listed in the Long Range Plan. It was noted that all projects, even those that are out of the Urban Area but still in the BCATS area, must be listed in the TIP. If you can trace funds for a project to a Federal source, then that project must be listed in the TIP. There was a review and clarification of the information provided. Discussion ensued.

Recommend to Policy Committee Public Review of Long Range Plan:

Engelhardt discussed the Public Review of the Long Range Plan (LRP) and asked for support in forwarding the LRP to the BCATS Policy Committee. A motion was made by Lillo, seconded by Moulthane, to favorably recommend to the BCATS Policy Committee that the BCATS Long Range Plan be publicized for public review. Motion passed.

Review New TIP/STIP Reporting Format:

Engelhardt reminded everyone of the new TIP/STIP reporting format. Reports should be completed over the next two weeks. Engelhardt will email members the new reporting spreadsheets. MDOT in conjunction with FHWA wants uniform reporting and has provided Microsoft Excel spreadsheets.

Asset Management Reporting Training:

Engelhardt informed members that there will be an Asset Management Reporting Training taking place on March 5, 2007 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at SVSU in the Ott Auditorium.

New Internet Interactive GIS Mapping Site:

Engelhardt discussed the new internet interactive GIS Mapping site and explained that it was still in its early phase. The site should be up and running within the next few weeks.

Project Updates:

The design for the **Pine Rd Project** is complete. The **Wenona Street Project** is scheduled to begin in March, 2007. The design for the **North Henry Street Project Phase II & III** should begin shortly and needs to let or under construction before September for the Local Jobs Today funds. The **M-25 Bridge Project** is ahead of schedule and it is anticipated that the bridge will open a month earlier than the original finish date. The **Center Avenue Project** has a 95% chance of been moved from the list of 2008 projects to the 2009 project list.

Other/New Business:

BCATS TIP Amendment for Bay Metro:

Engelhardt discussed bringing forward unfunded Bay Metro projects into the current year BCATS TIP. A motion was made by Gaydos, seconded by Moulthane, to favorably recommend to the BCATS Policy Committee that the Bay Metro projects be adjusted in the 2007 BCATS TIP. Motion passed.

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TIP Amendment for Recreational Trail Program:

Engelhardt discussed an amendment to the TIP from the Bay City State Recreation Area (BCSTA) to add the trail repair for the Anderson Nature Trail to the 2007 list of projects. The BCSRA received a \$85,000 federal grant to repair and resurface the trail. A motion was made by Geiger, seconded by Lillo, to favorably recommend to the BCATS Policy Committee that the Anderson Nature Trail project be added to the 2007 BCATS TIP. Motion passed.

Asset Management:

Engelhardt will email members a copy of this report for review.

Category "A" Grant:

Engelhardt informed members about the Category "A" Grant to give them a heads up. A notice regarding this grant will be going out to all the township and city officials in the BCATS area.

I-75 Bay County Line to US -10 description in Long Range Plan:

Engelhardt discussed the construction plans and environmental assessment for the I-75 project. FHWA still has some issues with the wording of the project in the LRP, which stated "Repair" of I-75. Geiger said that the project should be listed as "Maintenance/Deficiencies".

As there was no further business, the February 13, 2007 BCATS Technical Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Engelhardt
BCATS Director

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